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SUBJC: TURKISH LABOR PARTY REESTABLISHED

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1. THE TURKISH WORKERS (OR LABOR) PARTY, CLOSED DOWN BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT IN 1971, WAS FORMALLY REESTABLISHED MAY 1 BY BEHICE BORAN AND 49 ASSOCIATES.

2. COMMENT: THE LEGISLATION OF LAST DECEMBER WHICH PERMITTED THE RETURN TO POLITICAL LIFE OF THE MENDERES-ERA DEMOCRATS, ALSO CONTAINED A PROVISION PERMITTING THE RE-USE OF NAME "TURKISH WORKERS PARTY" (REFAIR).

3. THERE ARE NOW FOUR SMALL EXTREME LEFTIST PARTIES IN TURKEY, ALL ESTABLISHED OR REESTABLISHED WITHIN THE PAST YEARAC THE TURKISH SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY, THE EMEKCI (LABORERS) PARTY, THE VATAN (FATEHERLAND) PARTY, AND THE TWP. IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN ELECTIONS, THEY WILL HAVE TO ESTABLISH ORGANIZATIONS IN AT

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LEAST 15 PROVINCES.

4. A NUMBER OF DISK (CONFEDERATION OF TURKISH REVOLUTIONARY/REFORMIST TRADE UNIONS) REPORTEDLY ARE AMONG THE SPONSORS OF REVIVED TWP, INDICATING THAT DISK HAS SPLIT ITS POLITICAL SUPPORT. IN THE NATION-WIDE ELECTIONS OF OCTOBER 1973 IT WENT ALL OUT FOR BLUET ECEVIT'S REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP). DISK IS HOLDING AN EXTRAORDINARY CONVENTION (MAY 22-24) WHERE IT IS EXPECTED THAT A NUMBER OF NEW UNION MEMBERS WILL BE ADMITTED. OFFICIALS OF THESE NEW AFFILIATES ARE ALL STRONG SUPPORTERS OF THE RPP AND THE CONVENTION IS EXPECTED TO BE FRAUGHT WITH HEATED DEBATE ABOUT SUPPORT FOR THE RPP, THE TWP AND THE TWSP.

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